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TAGS:PFOR,KS, KN

SUBJECT:TWO KOREAS IN UN

REF: KIMBALL-KRIEBEL TELECON OF AUGUST 27

FOR AMBASSADOR POPPER

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF YOUR MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY ON RESULTS OUR LOW-KEY SOUNDINGS REGARDING CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF TWO KOREAS TO UN. STATISTICS HAVE BEEN UP-DATED.

2. QUOTE. PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST, WE ASKED EMBASSIES IN 40 COUNTRIES TO ASSESS HOST GOVERNMENT'S LIKELY ATTITUDE TOWARD CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS TO UN MEMBERSHIP. POSTS WERE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE LOW-KEY APPROACHES AS APPROPRIATE. ADDRESSEES WERE SELECTED WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON NON-ALIGNED STATES. TO DATE 37 REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

3. ATTITUDES REPORTED ARE INCONCLUSIVE. MOST SPOKESMEN INDICATE SYMPATHY AND "SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE" FOR SOUTH
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KOREAN INITIATIVE, BUT QUALIFY RESPONSES WITH ASSERTIONS

THAT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAKEN; THAT A FINAL POSITION DEPENDS ON ATTITUDES OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS; OR THAT SPECIFICS OF ROK INITIATIVE HAVE NOT YET BEEN SET. UNIVERSALITY IS AFFIRMED BY

ALL, BUT WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS THERE IS NO INDICATION HOW "SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE" WOULD HOLD IN FACE OF ACTIVE DPRK/PRC/USSR OPPOSITION.

4. DEGREE OF SUPPORT ALSO WILL BE AFFECTED BY WAY THE PROPOSAL IS PRESENTED IN ASSEMBLY. THUS, A DIRECT CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP OF BOTH KOREAS MAY BE REGARDED AS A PROVOCATIVE ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS THE DPRK AND PROVE LESS ATTRACTIVE TO MANY NON-ALIGNED THAN SOME MORE OBLIQUELY-WORDED EXPRESSION OF THE DESIRABILITY OF THE TWO KOREAS PARTICIPATING FULLY IN UN PENDING REUNIFICATION.

5. THE REPLIES CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

YES (14) - BAHREIN, BOLIVIA, CYPRUS, ISRAEL, IVORY COAST, JORDAN, KENYA, MEXICO, MOROCCO, OMAN, SWEDEN, TOGO, TUNISIA, ZAIRE.

QUALIFIED YES (9) - AUSTRIA, ECUADOR, FRANCE, INDONESIA, IRAN, JAMAICA, NIGERIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, VENEZUELA.

ABSTAIN (7) - BURMA, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, KUWAIT, LEBANON, NEPAL, SINGAPORE.

NO (2) - GHANA, PAKISTAN

NON-COMMITTAL (5) - DAHOMEY, MALAGASY, PERU, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL. END QUOTE. RUSH

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